

CLIPPER CITY CHALLENGE 2027



WE BUILD EXPERIENCES

SIR ROBIN KNOX-JOHNSTON

Sir Robin became the first sailor to race solo and non-stop around the world in 1968-69. Aged just 30, and a perceived underdog in The Sunday Times Golden Globe Race, his determination, skill and bravery has since inspired generations of novice sailors. Through the Clipper Race he has encouraged over 6000 people to step outside their comfort zone and overcome the hurdles in their way. A passionate advocate for sailing safety, valued media contributor, patron of many sailing clubs and associations, explorer and active sailor, Sir Robin continues to be active and involved in all aspects of Clipper Ventures business.

Clipper Events combines access to record-breaking offshore racing yachts with proven, highly experienced professional skippers and crew for your fleet racing, team development and experiential learning events.

You can compete in an iconic yacht race against household names in an exhilarating experience on board the Clipper Race yachts, specifically designed for safe but dynamic offshore racing whether you are an experienced yachtsman or have limited sailing experience. It also leads as a stand-out platform for learning and development goals, team building events, for private use, or as an environmental and social governance tool to help amplify the ways your products and services contribute to sustainable development.

Clipper Events is operated by Clipper Ventures PLC which was founded in 1995 by legendary yachtsman Sir Robin Knox-Johnston and William Ward OBE.

ICONIC RACES

Now you can compete in world-renowned races, lining up against some of the leading names in sailing, on board our purpose-built offshore racing fleets of 68 and 70-foot yachts.

EXPERIENTIAL SAILING

Create an experience tailored to meet your objectives. Exploring boundaries, taking measured risks and team building are at the core of everything we stand for. An unforgettable day focused on leadership and development can cement relationships and forge new connections.

BESPOKE PROJECTS

There is so much out there to explore and experience. That's what life is about. We want everyone to have the opportunity to experience the exhilaration of sailing onboard an ocean racing yacht - for a day, a weekend, in a regatta, or perhaps a private event.



INTRODUCTION

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EVENT OVERVIEW

The Clipper 'City Challenge' was established in 2007 as an industry sailing regatta, where companies from the finance sector were invited to enter teams into a competitive, sociable weekend of racing on the Solent.

Having lost momentum due to COVID-19, the post-pandemic 'hybrid' working environment now places even more importance on getting employees, colleagues and clients together outside of work to enjoy a unique, in-person experience, and the Clipper City Challenge provides the platform to do just that.

Following a similar format to previous editions, the two-day event will start with an informal breakfast at Gunwharf Quays, followed by two days of racing around The Solent with an overnight stay in Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Sailing onboard a fleet of identical, 70-foot racing yachts, each crew member will be under the guidance of a professional Skipper, First Mate, and Second Mate meaning that participants do not require any previous sailing experience to take part.

As an interactive, hands-on sailing experience, this provides a natural platform for team cohesion, encouraging crew members to work together to perform as a competitive racing team.

DATE

EVENT: Saturday 15 May - Sunday 16 May 2027

**OFFSHORE
RACING**
....IT'S IN OUR BLOOD

CLIPPER CITY CHALLENGE 2027

KEY INFORMATION

YOUR READY-TO-RACE PACKAGE INCLUDES:



EXPERIENCED
SAILING STAFF

Our experienced staff demonstrate high levels of judgement, seamanship and people management underpinned by professional sailing qualifications.

Each yacht will come with a Skipper, First Mate and Second Mate.



CLIPPER 70
RACE YACHT

The fleet of Clipper 70s were designed as exceptionally strong, seaworthy, fast, attractive yachts. Purpose-built for sailors with little-to-no experience, these yachts provide an excellent platform for all abilities.



INSURANCE

All participants engaged in activities organised by Clipper Events are insured with Personal Accident Cover.



CLOTHING AND
EQUIPMENT

Each guest will have access to Musto BRS wet weather clothing and a Spinlock Vito lifejacket whilst on board.



CATERING

The following catering is included:

- Breakfast - Saturday & Sunday
- Lunch - Saturday & Sunday
- Dinner - Saturday (ashore)

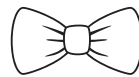
Boats will also have snacks and soft drinks available on board.



OVERNIGHT
ON BOARD

On the Saturday night, you will stay on board the boat in a bunk in an open-plan sleeping area. If you prefer, you're welcome to arrange alternative accommodation in Cowes at your own expense.

Details on what to bring will be included in your Joining Instruction pack which is sent out in the lead-up to the event.



REGATTA DINNER

It wouldn't be a regatta without a 'formal' dinner to celebrate the days achievements; bringing together all the teams to share experiences, enjoy a hearty meal and raise a glass or two!

Friendly competition can continue into the evening as we host an auction to raise donations for the events nomination charity (TBC).

Should you wish for non competing colleagues to join you - no problem! Additional tables will be available for them to come along and join the evenings celebrations..

- **No prior experience is required** as all teams will take part in a familiarisation and training day morning before racing commences.
- A **Professional Skipper, First Mate and Second Mate** will guide you throughout the weekend to ensure you are getting the most from your experience.
- **Hands-on involvement** is required and encrouaged throughout your time on board. You will become part of a race crew where everyone's role on board is key to the success of your race. Expect to get involved in **winch handling, sail trimming and helming**.
- **Your Team** must be made up of a minimum of 6 people and a maximum of 12 people (excludes professional sailing staff). Your team will be allocated to a boat at random either in the lead up to, or on the event day itself.



SAMPLE ITINERARY

SATURDAY 15 MAY*

- 09.00
- Clipper City Challenge crews arrive at Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth where you will have an opportunity to meet crew mates and rival teams over an informal breakfast.
- 09.45
- Welcome and brief from Clipper Events team
- 10.00
- Crews meet Skippers and head down to boats for safety brief and familiarisation
- 11.00
- Boats depart and out into the Solent for morning of training
- 13.00
- Lunch served on board
- 13.30
- Race 1
- 15.00
- Race 2
- 17.00
- All boats arrive in Cowes, Isle of Wight. Freshen up for evening function
- 18.30
- Shoreside function with dinner and drinks
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- Charity auction to raise money for named charity (charity TBC)
- 22.30
- Function ends, crews return to boats

SUNDAY 16 MAY*

- 07.00
- Early wake-up to prepare for racing. Breakfast served on board
- 08.00
- Depart Cowes for Races 3-5
- 09.30
- Race 3
- 12.00
- Lunch served on board
- 12.30
- Race 4 & 5 (Race 5 will be subject to weather / remaining time)
- 15.00
- All boats alongside back in Gunwharf Quays
- 15.30
- Dockside Prizegiving in Gunwharf Quays
- 16.00
- All guests depart following a fantastic weekend!

*Timings may change depending on conditions

30 YEARS OF THE CLIPPER RACE

EST. 1996



PRICE

CLIPPER CITY CHALLENGE 2026

EARLY BIRD TEAM ENTRY FEE*
(Ends 31.01.27)
(min. 6 people / max. 12 people)

£6,700 + VAT
per boat

TEAM ENTRY FEE

(min. 6 people / max. 12 people)

£7,590 + VAT
per boat

**Early Bird is subject to boat availability*



YOUR YACHT

THE CLIPPER 70

The Clipper 70s are the world's largest matched ocean racing fleet and compete in the biennial Clipper Race. The ten 70-foot yachts designed by renowned naval architect, Tony Castro, deliver exhilarating big boat experiences for you and your guests.

- ✓ Designed for sailing novices and seasoned pros
- ✓ Worlds largest matched fleet of ocean racing yachts
- ✓ Completed four circumnavigations

7	CLIPPER 70 YACHTS
12	GUESTS PER SAILING YACHT
25	GUESTS PER STATIC YACHT

WHAT'S NEXT

STEP BY STEP

FROM ENQUIRY
TO THE FINISH
LINE, WE HAVE
EVERYTHING
COVERED.

> FROM US

Expect to hear from us in line with the key events listed below, however if you have any questions outside of this, please get in touch.

We know everyone is busy so we aim to only get in touch when it is necessary and send clear concise information that is easy to action.

> FROM YOU

We want to make this as straightforward as possible for you. Help us by returning accurate and complete information within the allocated time frames.



REVIEW & CONFIRM
EVENT

- Review proposal details, complete and return the booking form.
- Read the Terms and Conditions
 - Ensure your details are correct
 - Send to events@clipper-ventures.com

INVOICE & DEPOSIT
PAYMENT

- Receive Invoice payment schedule.
- 25% non-refundable deposit
 - Schedule of further payment dates
 - Online payments via WorldPay link

BALANCE PAYMENT
60 DAYS PRIOR TO RACE

- Ensure you have made all your payments.
- Make final payment from schedule
 - If you book within 60 days of the event date, you will pay the full balance on booking.

LAUNCH
SATURDAY 17 SEP

- An opportunity to meet with fellow competitors, hear from Sir Robin and step aboard our Clipper Racing Yacht at St Katherines Dock.
- An evening for pleasantries before the racing begins

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS
2 WEEKS PRIOR TO RACE

- Receive your event information pack with link for guests to **complete pre-event information.**
- Where to meet and when
 - How to get here
 - What to bring
 - On the day contact information

EVENT DAY
SATURDAY 15 MAY

- Enjoy your weekend on the water!
- We will be with you on the day to make sure everything runs as planned

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

THE LEGAL STUFF

01

DEFINITIONS

This contract is made between Clipper Events (the Company) Registered in England, and any person(s) (the Client) booking with the Company to take part in any race, event, charter, or management-training event (the Programme). All bookings are subject to these terms and conditions and it is agreed between the Client and the Company that any contracts will be construed in accordance with English Law and the jurisdiction of English courts.

Information given by the Client via booking form or online or via a deposit forms the basis of a contract and the Client will be accepting the booking conditions for themselves and members of their party.

If any part of these booking conditions is found to be invalid or unenforceable then the remainder of these booking conditions will remain valid and enforceable.

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BOOKING, FEES AND CHARGES

- On receipt of the Booking Form the Company will send the Client a payment link for a 25% non-refundable deposit. Bookings will be confirmed on receipt of a non-refundable 25% deposit.
- Booking Forms and personal information is kept according to the Clipper Ventures privacy policy which can be found [here](#).
- Final balance must be paid 60 days prior to the start of the event or the company reserves the right to cancel the event and charge a 50% cancellation fee as detailed under cancellation.
- In the event of a booking being made within 90 days of the intended date of an event, full payment will be required to confirm a booking.
- In the event of there being any fees due on the day of the event, the Company reserves the right to withhold the services unless payment is received. The Company reserves the right to charge interest of 1.5% above the Bank Of England rate on overdue accounts.
- The Company accepts Visa, MasterCard, and debit cards and bank transfers. All costs are subject to VAT.
- Should there be any additions/amends to the original quotation the costs will be amended accordingly.
- The Client shall not make this booking available for onward sale for profit or otherwise without prior written permission from the Company.

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LIMITED LIABILITY

- The Company shall not be liable for any injury, death loss or damage caused by other Clients, nor will it be responsible for any uninsured losses of the Client's property, nor for any illness, injury or death sustained during the programme.
- The Company will use insured vessels for the event they are entered into.
- Clients agree if required to complete a release of liability form before embarking on a programme if required to by the Company or race organiser.

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CANCELLATION

By the Company

- In the event of cancellation by the Company the Client may be given the choice of an alternate Programme where possible. If the Client does not choose an alternate Programme, then a full refund will be given.

By Client

Cancellation by the Client must be in writing and is effective upon receipt by the Company.

In the event of cancellation by the Client the following charges shall apply:

- More than 90 days from the event start date: Loss of 25% non-refundable deposit.
- 90-31 days from the event start date: Loss of 50% of Programme cost.
- Less than 30 days from the event start date: Loss of 100% of Programme cost.

Other reason

- In the event of a cancellation prior to the start of the Programme as a consequence of Force majeure, war, disease, actions of the Race Event organisers or Government advisories the Client may be given the choice of an alternate Programme.
- No liability is accepted by the Company for any costs or expenses incurred by the Client in the event of changes to the Programme or cancellation by the Company.
- In the event of cancellation, postponement, curtailment or changes to the advertised programme outside of the Companies control as a consequence of Force Majeure, war, disease or Government advisories or actions of the Programme or Event Organisers once the Programme has commenced, the Client may be given the choice of an alternate programme where possible. If the Client does not wish to choose an alternate programme, then a refund will be given. Alternate programmes or refunds offered will be proportionate to the point at which the cancellation, postponement, curtailment or changes to the advertised programme occurred.
- In the event that changes to the advertised programme occur the Company reserves the right to make such changes as required. The Company will pay no compensation to the Client(s) where change or cancellation to the programme is due to Force Majeure, war, disease or Government advisories, loss, damage or incapacity of the vessel or actions of the race event organisers.

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CLIENT OBLIGATIONS

- Details supplied on the booking form are accurate.
- The Client agrees to abide by the normal operating and safety procedures as laid down by any third party suppliers to the event.
- Sailing requires an average level fitness and health, the Client is required to inform the Company of any preexisting medical conditions of any of the participants prior to the start of the Programme.
- Clipper Events operates yachts for up to twelve guests on each boat, each event will consist of a minimum safety number of six guests, of which all are aged 18 or over on the day of the event.

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CODE OF CONDUCT

- The Client agrees to accept the authority, decisions and instructions of the Company's Skipper's, employees, agents and representatives during the Programme.
- The Skipper has full authority to decide when to sail or race, with regard to weather conditions and the wellbeing of the crew, or to return to port after the commencement of a passage due to the above or defects to the yacht at any time at their discretion and their decision is final.
- The Company requires respectful conduct from its Clients and participants at all times.
- It is strictly prohibited to be under the influence of alcohol whilst engaged in the Company sailing activity. The skipper will ask you to leave the activity until you are fit to resume normal duties.
- Any use or possession of banned substances will be dealt with by expulsion from the event and will be reported to the relevant authorities.
- The client agrees, unless explicitly stated in writing otherwise, to be photographed and for the photographs to be used in and on the website, digital channels, photographic and written material and Clipper Events publicity.



CITY CHALLENGE

